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**AMENDMENT**

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This is in response to the office action mailed December 28, 2004, in connection with this application. This response is being filed within the three month shortened statutory period for response set forth in the Office Action. A fee for excess claims is enclosed herewith. No further fees are believed due. If a fee is due, please charge deposit account 50-0573.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 13 of this paper.

<p align="center"><b>CERTIFICATE OF MAILING</b> <b>UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.8(a)</b></p> <p>I hereby certify that this paper, along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed, is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date indicated below, with sufficient postage, as first class mail, in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.</p> <p>BY <u>Shannon R. Smith</u></p> <p>DATE: <u>3/28/05</u></p>
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